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### DATES

China Missionaries: July 19 at Blessed Sacrament; July 26 at Santa Barbara; July 26 at San Jose; August 2 at San Francisco. August 10, sail on General Pershing from San Francisco.

### ALMA

Ordination dates. Subdeaconate, June 5, 7 a. m., Menlo. Deaconate, June 6, San Francisco. Priesthood, June 19, Santa Clara.

The Archbishop paid a short visit to Alma on May 17. He was met by the faculty and the theologians, each of whom was presented to His Excellency. The Archbishop gladdened the hearts of the theologians by asking for a holiday.

Father McCummiskey gave an informal talk on JESUIT MISSIONS, and asked the theologians to help the magazine by bringing it to the attention of their friends.

The yearly orals were held May 29-June 8; the moral examinations, June 17-18. The last Ad Grad Ex. took place May 26th.

Minor vacations will begin at Alma after the completion of all the examinations, and last till July 27. Then the annual retreat will begin given by Father Charles Leahy.

### LOS ALTOS

From January to December 1935, there were 44 retreats to 878. Since January 1936 to well on in May, there were 18 retreats given to 499. These figures are exclusive of three retreats given to priests, since last summer.

In the absence of Father Crowley giving Clergy Retreats in Reno and in Salt Lake, Father Wm. Deeney supplied with two retreats to the men;

and Father Ferguson also with two retreats.

Early in May, El Retiro was 101 ahead of the number of retreatants at that time a year before.

The Fresno Clergy have applied to El Retiro for their retreat in September, canceling the notice carried in the Monitor some weeks ago, to the effect that the retreats would be held at Moraga.

Father McCummiskey has been assigned as an assistant at El Retiro. His health could not stand the travel called for by the Jesuit Missions assignment.

### LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Rev. Father Rector addressed the Conference of Privately Endowed Colleges of California, held at Mills College. His subject was "Objectives of the Liberal Arts College".

Bishop Cantwell and the Provincials of America and Canada, were the guests of the University at a faculty dinner. The Bishop praised the work of Ours in Los Angeles.

The National Conference of Jews and Christians, held the opening session of their Los Angeles meeting, in the University Library. About 30 college religious councillors were present.

The ballroom of the Biltmore Hotel was filled with members of the Loyola Guild and their friends, gathered for the final social affair of the Guild's season. At least 1200 were present.

The student body was favored by talks from two distinguished Catholic authors, Father Talbot of AMERICA, and Emmett Lavery, author of "The First Legion".

Father Siedenburg of the University of Detroit, lectured at the Law

School on "Social Security, the Need of the Hour". He spoke to the student body at Del Rey on Communism.

Attendance by the students at the May devotions has been favorable. Each day a Senior gave a short talk on the Blessed Mother.

Mr. George Dunne (Loy. U. '26), gave the socialists an interesting talk on our work in China.

Father Madigan successfully staged the 9th annual Cabrillo Debate. The decision for the debate went to the House. But Maurice Jordan, a speaker of the Senate team, the newly elected President of the Student Body, and a Loyola High graduate, was adjudged the winning speaker.

Father Spearman has inaugurated a regional unit of the Catholic Library Association, after interesting the Superiors and Librarians of various local Catholic Colleges and High Schools. About 30 attended his first meeting held at Immaculate Heart College. His plan is to rotate the place of meeting among the various schools, and the only expense for the entertaining school is to be that of sending out the post cards calling the meeting.

The original dramatic production, "Few Are Chosen", was well staged by the Del Rey Players.

The Culver City Highway Department is engaged in securing the deed for the land necessary to connect Lincoln and Culver Boulevards.

Father Buschor will be chaplain during the summer at the camp at Glenwood, near Boulder Creek, run by the Dominican Sisters for girls.

### LOYOLA HIGH

The Carnival brought in a net profit of over \$5000.

Mr. Bitting sent a telegram before the school's bankruptcy case went before the Judge, stating that he did not wish to deprive the Fathers of the ownership of the school.

Loyola High was the host for the Provincials' Meeting held in Los Angeles, May 5, and 6. The nine Provincials set out for home almost at once, three on May 6, the rest on May 7.

Father Hanlon will be Prefect of Discipline at Loyola High next year.

To direct the students to Loyola University, a Loyola Day was held at the High School. Talks were given by Fathers Duce, Lyons, Madigan, and Professors Gaynor and Conroy.

A Loyola High Sodalist won the Diocesan Oratorical Contest. Three

of the four judges gave him first place.

Father McNicholas, Diocesan Director of Education will give the Baccalaureate Sermon.

Father G. Flynn gives the first Commencement Address at Marywood, Central Catholic High School for Girls, at Anaheim.

The Sodalists are collecting articles for the Diocesan Summer Schools and are getting volunteers to help teach catechism.

Many letters of grateful approval for the work done by the Loyola High Students have been received, for teaching religion, for working for THE TIDINGS, for laboring for the Propagation of the Faith, etc.

### LOS GATOS

His Eminence Peter Cardinal Boetto, Jesuit Cardinal, was a fellow novice with Father Perron, Spiritual Father of the Juniors. Through Father Perron, the Cardinal honored the Novitiate with a picture of himself in the full robes and ermine of office. He has subscribed the picture with his friendly regard and his blessing.

Father Francis Talbot, Editor of AMERICA, and the Provincials from Canada and the Maryland-New York Province visited Los Gatos.

Father Ray Feely discussed the philosophy of the Totalitarian State in a lecture to the community in May.

First Year Juniors presented a rather unusual Latin play in which Virgil was modernized and adapted to the needs of a modern newspaper office.

Father Henry Walsh, Professor of English at Santa Clara, in his lecture to the Juniors, emphasized the importance of idealization to the young poet.

Father Provincial made the Visitation of the House, May 18- June 1. Father Rice became Minister on May 23.

The Lourdes Grotto was formally dedicated on May 31. Father Provincial officiated. Brother Doyle delivered the Marianum closing the Month of May.

The cloister and all the roads surrounding the house from the barn to the new shrine, have been tar surfaced and paved with gravel. The two twelve-foot stone pillars at the entrance to the grounds have been completed. They and other features give the old "Farm" the appearance of a park.

The Archbishop made a short visit



on Sunday, May 17. He asked to meet each one personally. At his request, a holiday was given on Monday.

Coadjutor Brother Joseph Thunder of San Francisco, began his postulancy, April 26.

### SAN FRANCISCO

Father Al Whelan has been appointed Managing Editor for AMERICA. He replaces Father Lonergan and will go to his new assignment after the San Francisco Summer School.

The altar of the Blessed Virgin is being decorated. The new St. Francis Xavier altar is finished.

On May 16, the Gentlemen's Sodality held its annual dinner and entertainment, with a large crowd in attendance.

The Provincials of Canada, Maryland-New York, and Oregon, and Father Talbot of AMERICA visited St. Ignatius.

In the recent Bar Examinations, 85 per cent of last year's law graduates of U. S. F. passed successfully. (six out of seven). As there were also eight repeaters, the final rating is 65 per cent.

The Baccalaureate Mass for the University took place, May 24. In the afternoon the 77th Annual Commencement was held in the Opera House, when over 100 received their diplomas.

A Baccalaureate Mass was said for the High School Graduates, on May 31. That afternoon the graduation took place in common with that of the other Catholic High Schools of San Francisco, in the Dreamland Auditorium. 152 Seniors graduated from St. Ignatius High.

The Senate Debating Society of the High School lost a debate in April to Loyola High, before a large attendance in San Francisco. The Congress Debating Society in a dual debate with Bellarmine, split even with home decisions.

About 135 took the Scholarship Examinations for the parochial schools held in April.

"Ready Money", the high school Sodality play was, ably directed by Mr. Nagle.

The Sanctuary Society had its annual boat ride at the close of May.

On the afternoon of May 15, Father Semeria went to the beach. When he failed to return some hours later, a search was made. All attempts to find him proved fruitless. All indications, such as the finding of his breviary, watch (stopped at 5), and his clothes half covered by the sands of the beach, seem to point to his

drowning. A solemn Requiem Mass was offered for him in the presence of the Archbishop, on May 22.

### SANTA BARBARA

Father Stack addressed the local Ministerial Union at their monthly luncheon on "The Value of a Spiritual Retreat". He also attended the annual State Convention of the Knights of Columbus in San Diego.

The finals of the one act play tournament brought several hundred interested auditors to Dolores School. The Dolorians won the first award, the Knights of Columbus the second, and the Young Ladies Sodality the third. A consolation trophy was given to the Holy Name Society.

### SANTA CLARA

Msgr. Ramm gave the baccalaureate sermon on May 16. The Nobili Medal was awarded to James Bacigalupi, Jr., an award which won universal approval.

It is estimated that over 1500 attended the Engineers' Day exhibit at the University.

Extensive alterations have been made on the first floor of Bergin Hall, the University Administration Building. The new offices for the President and the Dean of the Faculties are splendid.

### LATIN SCHOLAR

One of the foremost Virgil Scholars in the country, H. Rushton Fairclough, Dean of the Department of Classics, Stanford University, sent the following tribute to Father Woods, under date of May 9, 1936. The letter is addressed to Mr. McMahon, S. J.

"It was with the greatest regret that, a few days ago, I heard of the death of the Reverend Henry Woods, S. J.

"I was not, of course, in close touch with Father Woods, but I had come to honor him in connection with our Virgil and Horace celebrations, and I had the pleasure and the honor of sitting beside him at the dinner which preceded the delightful "Horace Symposium" held at Santa Clara last October.

"Father Woods was a remarkable Latinist, and had an extraordinary facility in the writing of Latin verse. I admired him greatly, and would gladly have sat at his feet, as a pupil in the presence of a master.

"May I therefore express to you, to your President, and to his other col-

leagues, my assurance of sympathy in the great loss which you have all sustained in the passing of this great scholar.

Yours sincerely,  
H. RUSHTON FAIRCLOUGH.

#### FATHER HENRY WOODS

1854 -Apr. 27, born, London, Eng.  
1878-80-Novice, Santa Clara.  
1880-82-Junior, Santa Clara.  
1882-85-Philosopher, St. Ign. Coll.  
1885-86-Teacher, Santa Clara.  
1886-88-Teacher, San Francisco.  
1888-91-Theologian, Woodstock.  
1891-92-Private Study, Montreal.  
1892-94-Teacher, San Francisco.  
1894-95-Tertian, Florissant  
1895-07-Pf. of Stud., Teacher, S. F.  
1907-09-Teacher, San Francisco.  
1909-10-Pf. of Studies, Los Gatos  
1910-14-Writer, AMERICA  
1914-21-Pf. of Studies, Los Gatos  
1921-36-Santa Clara  
1936 -May 4, died, Santa Clara.

He was a novice with Father Sennan who entered in July 1878, while Father Woods entered in August 1878.

Father Woods taught physics and chemistry in 1893-94, 1895-99. He then taught English and History, 1899-1909.

#### BROTHER HAROLD MICHON

1892 -Apr. 29, born, New Orleans  
1928-30-Novice, Los Gatos  
1930-35-Bookkeeper, Los Gatos  
1935-36-Bellarmino, San Jose.  
1936 -May 5, died, San Jose.

Brother was a bookkeeper before his entrance. He was a great help in getting the books of the Novitiate into shape.

On his birthday, April 29, he made a visit to St. Joseph's, San Jose. All remarked how well he looked. On the street car, while going home from St. Joseph's he suffered a stroke. Near the school an auto was asked to take the Brother home. He was anointed and rushed to the Sanitarium. He had a gleam of consciousness once or twice, but that was all.

His mother and sister arrived the evening before the Brother's death. Mrs. Michon was much comforted by all the nice things that were truthfully told about her son.

#### FATHER WALTER SEMERIA

1899 -Oct. 7, born, San Francisco.  
1915-17-Novice, Los Gatos.  
1917-19-Junior, Los Gatos.  
1919-22-Philosopher, Mt. St. Michael's  
1922-25-Teacher, Seattle College  
1925-29-Theologian, Woodstock.  
1929-32-Teacher, U. San Francisco.  
1932-33-Tertian, Port Townsend  
1933-34-Loyola University  
1934-36-Univ. San Francisco  
1936 -May 15, drowned, San Francisco.

#### VARIA

Father Rice became Minister at Los Gatos in May.

Senior Retreats. Father Laherty gave the Senior Retreat at Santa Clara. Father Feely gave the U. S. F. Seniors theirs.

245 priests along with Bishop Cantwell made the retreat given by Father Edward Sullivan in the week of May 11, at the Huntington Hotel, Pasadena.

#### SUMMER RETREATS

The following changes and corrections have been made.

Alma: Theologians, Fr. C. Leahy  
Burbank: Missionary Srs., Fr. Franchi  
Gilroy: Presentation, Fr. Daze.  
Huntington Park: Notre Dames, Fr. Henry.

Miss. S. Jose: Ladies, Fr. Howard  
Pasadena: B. V. M., Fr. Clark. Holy Child, Fr. E. Whelan.  
Sacramento: Mercy Acad., Fr. Cope-land.

San Diego: Mercy, Fr. Daze.  
S. F.: St. Brigid's, Fr. C. Kavanagh.  
Notre Dames, Fr. Ward.  
Pub. School Girls, Fr. H. Donavon.  
Watsonville: Notre Dame, Fr. Belanger.

#### DEATHS IN THE ASSISTANCY

Apr. 25, Fr. Henry Rache, Wash., D. C.

May 4, Fr. Henry Woods, Santa Clara  
May 5, Fr. Harold Michon, San Jose.  
May 15, Fr. Walter Semeria, S. F.  
May 18, Fr. Aloy. Guinez, Wash., D. C.

#### DEATHS OF RELATIVES

Mother of Father O'Keefe.  
Father of Mr. Lagan.

Exivit Willard Snyder.